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For: METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING OR DIAGNOSING CARCINOMA CELLS WITH

METASTATIC POTENTIAL BASED ON THE MEASUREMENT OF LYMPHOID

GENES OR THEIR PRODUCTS IN CARCINOMA CELLS

Examiner: Y. Eyler

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY WITH SEQUENCE REQUIREMENTS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Notice to Comply, dated June 11, 1999, with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures.

It is respectfully submitted that the above-identified application does not contain any sequence disclosures that are encompassed by the definitions for nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences set forth in 37 CFR 1.821(a)(1) and (a)(2). It is therefore respectfully requested that the requirement to comply with the requirements for the disclosures thereof be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentably distinguishable over the references disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement mailed March 11, 1999. Appropriate action toward allowance of this application is therefore respectfully requested in view thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

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